

# Newest Ideas in French Gowns in White and Brown Striped Voile

## HOW TO REMOVE STAINS BY SIMPLE METHODS

Spots and stains on frocks and coats are frequently the despair of the wearer, for nothing can make a garment look worse. The general effect of dirtiness and dirt is repellent, and sometimes applications of soap, ammonia, or gasoline seem only to make stains, etc., more prominent. This is partly because the cleaning agent has not been adapted to the material, and also because the work is improperly done.

It makes no difference whether silk, wool or cotton is to be cleaned, there must be a fresh piece of cloth underneath to absorb the soiled liquid that soaks through. Otherwise the cleaning fluid, laden with dirt, has no place to go and simply spreads over the original place. Several layers of absorbent material underneath are absolutely necessary, and I doubt if anything is quite as good for this purpose as cheesecloth.

Next to this condition it is important to spread the soiled place out on a smooth surface, that the spot may be wished to see that no dirty ring is forming. A skirt board or table are best for this, and the absorbent and scrupulously fresh cloth beneath should be large enough to move several times so that the old wet dirt may not be rubbed in again.

A bit of old white flannel is the best for wetting and rubbing, and there should be another with which to work the place dry, or nearly so. With care such as this home cleaning is quite practicable and a saving on one's income when the processes and the liquids to be applied on different fabrics are understood.

For removing grease spots from white linen or cotton goods use soap or weak

lyes; for colored calicoes, warm soap suds; for woollens, soap suds of ammonia; for silks, benzine, ether, magnesia, or chalk.

Spirits of wine will clean soiled silk embroidery. Dip a camel's hair brush in it, and brush the trimming till all the dirt is removed. Jet passementerie can be cleaned by rubbing it with cloth dipped in equal parts of alcohol and water. Dry it afterward with a clean cloth.

When using magnesia the stained place is first dampened, then the magnesia is moistened and vigorously rubbed on the stain. It must be allowed to dry thoroughly. Then the powder can easily be shaken off.

When removing paint stains with turpentine, if the paint stain is surrounded with corn starch it will prevent the turpentine from spreading.

The same process may be tried when removing other kinds of spots. A mixture of pure alcohol and salt is of great assistance in taking out grease stains from tailor-made tweed and serge garments. Coarse kitchen salt should be mixed with the spirit until no more can be absorbed, when a brush should be dipped in it, and the material well scrubbed all over as evenly as possible.

Fruit stains on white fabrics should always be attended to at once, before they have been allowed to sink into the goods and mark it irrevocably. Milk is an excellent specific, but in order to be of any use it should be heated to nearly boiling point and applied at once with a piece of flannel, the stained portion being then left to soak in the milk for a few hours.

A hint on the subject of washing mauve muslins and prints is to the effect that a little pinch of soda should be put in the water in which the materials are washed, in order to prevent the color coming out, as it is said that soda has exactly the opposite effect on mauve to what it has on other colors.

Pink or green prints will be brightened if vinegar is put in the rinsing water. Always dry prints in the shade.

## French Gown of Striped Voile



The sketch shows a new model which has in its design several of the very newest ideas. The model frock was in white and brown striped voile, the circular skirt being made with a seam down the center, and the stripes joined to meet in points down this center front. Two folds of light brown taffeta and a straight band of the voile, bordered on its lower edge with ball fringe, trimmed the skirt, this band being piped with the brown taffeta and trimmed with taffeta buttons. The bodice was square, cut in a sort of jacket effect, and was edged with ball fringe. It was cut out in a deep rounded point in the center, and the edge piped with silk, which lapped over a vest of flannel net inset and embroidered with colored flannel lace.

### Adjust Veil Correctly

Perhaps there is no more difficult art than that of arranging the veil, and the fact that the French woman considers the time passed in practicing its proper adjustment as well spent is probably one of the reasons why she excels the woman of any other nation in this matter.

The upper part is carefully curved, the back of the veil being considerably wider than the front, so that there will be no overfulness on the crown and brim, and the fabric will fall into the right folds, the edge just reaching to the shoulders. To put it on in exactly the same manner each time means a long and serious business.

Pongee in the natural color, which is known as champagne color, makes useful and attractive shirtwaist suits and stands laundering wonderfully well.

### Has Pity for These Men

Chicago is having an epidemic of husband-baiting, and a judge of that city, W. H. Gemmill, has taken the opportunity to defend the ill-used husband. He says:

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## HOW TO SCENT CLOTHING WITH DELICATE PERFUMES

The use of perfume is one that every woman should understand. If too much is put on the odor becomes noxious and cloying, and only the faintest suggestion is desirable.

More subtle, and in every way the most delicate method, is through the use of powders that scent the garments. It is not known precisely why it should be so, but with these rather than liquids there is never a harshness of perfumes.

With very little trouble and not much expense a woman may have not only her clothing thus sweetened, but house linen as well.

One of these delicate scents to keep among sheets and pillow cases is a mixture of seven parts of powdered cedarwood, the same of dried lavender flowers, one part of powdered gum benzoin, one part of powdered cloves, and two parts of powdered cinnamon. It cannot be excelled. It must be well mixed, sifted and put into flat bags among the sheets, or else flat pads the size of the shelves or drawers may be used. Any thin material is suitable for the pads, the kind being governed only by expense.

Lavender flowers are not expensive, and make a sweet and fresh perfume for house linen. Our grandmothers used vanilla beans among their linen, and found the odor was sweet and lasting.

Pur perfume, such as pillows are made of, is delicious among sheets and pillow cases.

Pot pourri, made of fresh rose leaves, is one of the greatest luxuries in perfumes, but unfortunately out of the reach of the average woman. One made of dried flowers and spices that may be bought at any chemist's is worth more than the time it takes in combining, and is a delicious either for body or house linen.

To make it take eight ounces each of dried lavender flowers and rose leaves, four ounces of ground orris root, one ounce each of ground cloves, cinnamon, and allspice and eight ounces of table salt. The mixture should stand for a month in a tightly sealed glass jar before using. You will notice that the ingredients are ground, not powdered. Sandalwood is another old-fashioned scent used quite alone, but it may be combined with rose geranium to vary the odor.

To perfume body linen, more delicate scents may be employed, though I doubt if the two just given can be improved upon. Almost every one knows that clear orris root imparts a scent of violets, and that it is not as expensive as it was formerly. Either the whole root or the powdered may be used, and one of the perfume has made its way into the woods of chiffoniers and dressing tables everywhere. Kept there will be sweet girls who like extremely delicate scents will find that a bit of the root boiled with handkerchiefs and stocks after the latter are washed will make them exquisite.

### Dainty Engagement Supper

A charming decoration for the table for an autumn dinner is made of exquisite fruits. Place a large bowl upside down in the center of the dining table, to be used as a support. Spread the cloth over this. Arrange some green leaves to cover all the center, and on top place a miniature wheelbarrow or wagon. Two small birds are on top, glued by the feet to the edges of the wagon. Fill this full, and arrange around it some fine fruits and beautiful flowers.

For flowers use any that are available, roses always being effective, although the rich purple colored asters with plenty of leaves of various shades of green are beautiful and seasonable. Finish with a fringe of wheat, oats, or ferns, and the effect is soft and beautiful.

A good menu would be:

Crisp of anchovy with chopped parsley. Oysters with horseradish and celery. Radishes, salted, and olives. Cream of corn soup. Fillets of fish with tartan sauce; dressed cucumbers; cold boiled ham. Leg of lamb with mint jelly. Bermuda potatoes; yellow turnip. Lemon sherbet, creme de mint; cherries. Slices of capon breast with dressed lettuce. Ice cream. Toasted wafers, cheese, and coffee.

### Tea Bath for Eyes

Few practices are more beneficial to the condition of the eyes than that of bathing them regularly every night before going to bed. Dust readily accumulates on the lids between the lashes and causes them to smart. An excellent method of cleaning them is the old-fashioned one of dabbing the lids with a piece of cotton wool dipped in cold weak tea.

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